

SUMMARY OF THE IMPORTANT NEWS.

Interesting Happenings That Occurred During the Past Few Days.

ACTION OF GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS

Exciting Events in the United States and Foreign Countries Condensed For the Busy Reader—Crimes and Casualties.

Congressional Items.

Representative Stanley, Kentucky, introduced two resolutions seeking information of the president and the department of commerce and labor as to existence of a "Tobacco trust" or a combination in restraint of trade between the American, the Continental and the Imperial Tobacco Cos.

Senator Platt introduced a joint resolution prohibiting polygamy. It provided that "Neither polygamy nor polygamous practices shall exist in the United States or any place subject to its jurisdiction."

Senator Dick introduced a bill proposing that a bronze medal of honor shall be issued to each surviving soldier who enlisted under the first call of President Lincoln for 75,000 troops.

The senate has heard from its anti-pass amendment to the railroad rate bill in the shape of a number of protests from many people who will be affected by it, including especially Washington attorneys of the roads. It will be reconsidered.

Three hundred and twenty pension bills were passed by the house in one hour and a half. This record has never been equaled in the disposition of pension legislation.

Mr. Hepburn, in the house, made a vigorous attack upon the court-martial system of the navy, and especially criticised the officers responsible for the accidents that have happened to ships of the navy.

Senator Bailey's non-suspension amendment applying to orders of the interstate commerce commission as covered by the railroad rate bill, which has occupied so much of the attention of the senate in connection with that bill, was adversely disposed of by the decisive vote of 23 to 54.

Miscellaneous.

At the meeting of the reconstruction committee, San Francisco, a resolution was adopted declaring that the wages for public and private employment at ordinary and unskilled labor should be \$2.50 for nine hours.

Although being strongly urged by many influential interests to call an early special session of the California legislature, Gov. Pardee is in no haste to take action in the matter. As an outcome of his statements, the committee on special legislation decided to draft a call for the legislature and to frame the bills which the governor will be asked to recommend for enactment.

That the authorities have no intention of loosening the reins which have held the liquor dealers in check in San Francisco was made plain by an emphatic declaration from Mayor Schmitz that all drinking places will be closed for an indefinite period. A number of saloon proprietors had in course of construction temporary buildings. To these the commissioners issued a warning advising them that the number of saloon licenses to be issued in the future would be greatly curtailed and that it was unwise for them to incur any expense in the way of temporary building operations.

Without a single hitch and with only a minor incident to mar the memorable day, the Russian parliament was inaugurated. The weather was superb and the stage management of the impressive ceremony at the winter palace, where Emperor Nicholas delivered the speech from the throne to the members of the two houses, was perfect. Such a spectacle perhaps never before has been witnessed on the earth of stage. The message in reality was less a throne speech than a greeting, and required only three minutes for its delivery.

The drama, which was inaugurated at St. Petersburg, was denounced by M. Gorky, the Russian author, in an appeal, which he has issued. In it Gorky declared that the Russian people know they must have a revolution in order to be free. Gorky's appeal is entitled by him "An open letter to the authors of free America."

The Finnish diet sent an address of greeting to the Russian national parliament declaring that the prospects now open to Russia arouse sincere joy among the Finnish people.

Sam Sims, a negro who killed the horse upon which Constable Lamar Hendricks, at Jackson, Miss., was attempting to arrest him, was riding, was taken from the authorities and lynched.

Moses Haas, arrested in New York in connection with the cotton report "leak" in the department of agriculture, Washington, in which former statistician E. S. Holmes, jr., and Frederick H. Peckham were involved, was discharged from custody by Judge Holt of the United States court.

In connection with the international philatelic exhibition, which will open in London May 22, it is announced that the celebrated collection of Hawaiian stamps of H. J. Crocker, of San Francisco, valued at over \$45,000, was dispatched to London a few days before the earthquake.

That Zion City affairs shall be ruled by a committee of three, one chosen by Voliva, one by Dowle and one by the circuit court judges hearing the case, they to have charge until the injunction matter is finally disposed of, is the probable temporary settlement of the legal battle between the Zion City factions.

Detectives from the district attorney's office, New York, visited the supply department of the Mutual Life Insurance Co. and took possession of account books, cancelled checks and one document which they conveyed to the criminal courts building.

An action was begun in the supreme court, Brooklyn, by Francis T. Williams M., Robert S. and G. B. Ingraham against the International Salt Co., the so-called salt trust, and N. S. Beardslee and E. P. McDermott as receivers of the National Salt Co., for an accounting.

Judge S. A. Armstrong, of Celina, who heard the motion to quash indictments pending against County Commissioners David F. Owens and Ignatius Stechschulte and County Surveyor Oliver C. Talbot, in connection with the so-called bridge trust cases, overruled the motion.

Over 800 citizens of Franklin county, Miss., charged with being members of an alleged white-capper organization, pleaded guilty before Judge Niles on the charge of intimidating government homesteaders and were each assessed the minimum fine of \$25 and three months imprisonment. Among those indicted was the sheriff of Franklin county.

Gen. Count Alexis Pavlovich Ignatieff, formerly governor of Kieff, was assassinated, it is supposed, by an agent of the revolutionists, who had marked him as one of their victims.

The interstate commerce commission met in Chicago to hear evidence from railroad men and independent oil refiners in regard to the relationship between the Standard Oil Co. and certain railroads. A large number of witnesses have been subpoenaed and it is expected the hearing will last some time. This hearing is a continuation of one begun in Kansas City.

Charged with having embezzled upwards of \$100,000 from his employers, Edwin S. Greenfield, head clerk of the banking and brokerage firm of Harrison Snyder & Son, of Philadelphia, was arrested and held in \$10,000 bail. Greenfield made a full confession.

In a heavy storm which swept Lake Erie the barges Algeria and Iron Queen sank within two miles of the breakwater, off the mouth of the Cuyahoga river. With the former, her captain, Martin Elen, and George Walton, engineer, went down and were drowned, while the steward and two companions lost their lives in the Iron Queen.

Attorney General Moody says: The government has filed in the circuit court of the United States for the District of Indiana a petition for an injunction against certain associations, corporations and individuals comprising what is known as the drug trust of the United States.

During the voyage of the steamer Faulk from India to the Fiji Islands, 124 coolies were taken sick with cholera, and 61 died.

Authority to resume the game of football at Harvard, which was ordered to be discontinued on account of the brutality of the contest, has been given by a vote of the board of overseers of Harvard college. Nine of the 24 members of the board, however, including President Elliot, registered themselves as opposed to the continuance of football.

Robert J. Wynne, American consul general at London, former postmaster general of the United States, will arrive in New York to testify in post office conspiracy cases at Washington.

City Treasurer James V. Falter, Newburyport, Mass., has been arrested charged with shortage in his accounts.

The mutilated body of an unknown young woman was discovered by two laborers in the East river almost directly under the Brooklyn bridge. Most of the clothing had been torn from the body. A letter, dated Cleveland, March 27, was found on the body, addressed to "Dear Kate," apparently written by the dead woman's sister and was signed "Marlaun." The body was that of a woman between 25 and 30 years old, about five feet tall, with black hair and regular features.

Counsel for Mrs. Duke filed an appeal carrying to the court of errors and appeals, New Jersey, the divorce granted to her husband, James B. Duke.

The eruption of Mt. Vesuvius is diminishing. The ashes have now taken the direction of Pompeii and Ottajano, while some ashes have fallen at Somma.

At a business session of the conference at Charities and Corrections, in Philadelphia, Minneapolis was selected as the next place of meeting, date to be determined later.

The Electric Properties Co., of New York, with which John F. Wallace, former chief engineer of the Panama canal, is to be identified, was incorporated with a capital of \$12,000,000.

Select Councilmen Edward J. Edwards and Max Friedman, Real Estate Agent Joseph M. Dixon, Dr. H. P. Ashe and Policeman Stephen Carr, who were arrested last week in the crusade against graft and vice that is being carried on by the police of Pittsburgh, were held for court after a hearing before police magistrates.

Charles McCarthy, 41, ladderman, with Ladder 2, of East Boston, committed suicide by drinking whisky and carbolic acid and finally shooting himself through the heart in Holy Cross cemetery, Malden. A funeral was in progress at the time.

Work will be resumed by the mine workers throughout the anthracite field. The repairmen and any others necessary to prepare the collieries for general operations report for work first. The agreement entered into in New York between the operators and the sub-scale committee was formally ratified.

The session of the coal operators of Illinois, Indiana and Ohio was occupied by the discussion of the best way to lay their proposed plans of arbitration before President Roosevelt.

A resolution expressing appreciation of the "self-sacrifice shown by President John Mitchell and the scale committee of the anthracite miners' union in their determination to avoid a strike," was adopted by the Church Association for the Advancement of the Interests of Labor, in New York.

Late general orders from national headquarters of the Women's Relief Corps by President Abbie Adams, announce that the 24th national convention of the organization will be held in Minneapolis, August 16 and 17.

The strike of 1,500 funeral drivers in New York City has tied up the undertaking business so completely that about one hundred and fifty bodies remained unburied. Hearses and carriages were driven away from churches, mourners were kept waiting all day in homes of the dead, and in several instances non-union drivers of hearses and carriages were attacked in the street and police protection became necessary.

The United States government secured an unconditional surrender in the United States circuit court at St. Paul of the paper trust, against which the attorney general began a suit to dissolve a combination between the General Paper Co. and 23 other defendants on the ground that an agreement had been entered into by the defendants in restraint of interstate commerce.

Maj. Frank Huntoon, of New York, filed in the court of chancery, New Jersey, an appeal from the decision of Vice Chancellor Pitney advising a decree of divorce for James B. Duke. The adjudgment that he was to pay \$5,000 for counsel fees is also objected to.

The world's record high run, 18-inch ball, two in, was broken by Willie Hoppe, in Chicago, who set the new mark at 307. The former record was held by Louis Cure at 255. Hoppe made the record in the game with Jake Schaefer, whom he defeated in eight innings by the score of 500 to 193.

William H. Lewis, for many years treasurer of the Monon railroad and known to railroad men throughout the United States, died suddenly of heart disease.

The boilers of the Big Pine Lumber Co.'s plant at Colfax, La., exploded, killing three men and partially wrecking the plant.

The extradition bill covering the convention between the Balfour government and the United States for the inclusion of bribery among extraditable crimes, passed its second reading in the house of lords, London.

A number of prominent members of the order of B'nai B'rith, who will go from Cleveland to attend the annual meeting of that body in Terre Haute, Ind., May 20, have announced that they will present to the convention a proposition to erect a statue of the late Secretary of State John Hay in Washington.

Vice President Lewis, of United Mine Workers of America, says that 3,000 miners have returned to work in Indiana and Ohio under the 1903 scale, receiving their full demand, and in some cases in Ohio even more than this. The additional concession in Ohio was placing all the men under the tonnage system.

The coal mines bill, the object of which is to gradually reduce the hours of work till they reach the eight-hour limit in 1909 without reducing wages, was passed unanimously on second reading in the house of lords, London. The bill affects 670,000 persons.

Edwin S. Holmes, jr., formerly assistant statistician of the agricultural department, Washington, fled a defaulter to an indictment returned against him charging conspiracy in connection with the cotton leak investigation. He set up that no crime is charged in the indictment and declares there is not sufficient information upon which he can base a defense. It is also declared that each and every count in the indictment is bad in substance.

Vice President Fairbanks was 54 years old May 11. He spent his time presiding over the senate in one of the busiest days of the session. He received the congratulations of his friends in the senate as well as many messages from friends throughout the country.

Vice President Fairbanks, who was scheduled to deliver an address at the general conference M. E. church south, Birmingham, Ala., was unable to leave Washington on account of public duty.

The late Mrs. Francis Burton Harrison, who was killed by being thrown from an automobile on Long Island, left an estate valued at more than \$4,000,000.

True bills were found by the federal grand jury against four of the bank clerks arrested in connection with the failure of the Enterprise National bank, of Allegheny, Pa. They are charged with making false entries and false certification of checks.

It is announced that all the locomotive and machine shops of the Erie railroad have resumed work with full forces.

By an explosion in a rolling mill of the Dupont powder works, Wilmington, Del., William McCrea was instantly killed and James Cammo fatally injured.

TROUBLE IN ZION CITY.

A Dowle Meeting Broken Up By Opposing Faction.

A Second Disturbance Was Caused By Reading of a Letter Stating That Dowle's Wife Had Been Healed By His Prayers.

Chicago, Ill.—At a meeting over which John Alexander Dowle presided at Zion City Sunday afternoon was broken up by a number of followers of the opposing faction, assisted by several outsiders, and before the crowd dispersed a free fight occurred.

Dowle was addressing the audience, numbering about six hundred, and made the statement that the overseers of the Voliva faction were thieves and robbers. At once a number of those in the audience were on their feet shouting "No, no; you are the robber; why don't you pay your debts?" The disturbance became so violent that a Zion guard was sent to restore order. The guard took hold of an old gray headed man, who was loudest in his demands for Dowle to pay his obligations, and this was a signal for a free fight. A dozen men seized the guard and were about to drag him down the aisle when Gladstone Dowle and Deacon Arrington mounted the platform and called upon the audience not to create a disturbance and to take their seats.

Dowle was so weak that he had to be carried from his carriage into the tabernacle by two attendants.

At an afternoon meeting called for Dowle adherents only, but which was invaded by a large number of those who were riotous at the former meeting, Dowle precipitated a second general disturbance. He caused to be read a letter from one of his supporters, stating that the writer's wife had passed safely through the crisis of a serious illness while Dowle prayed for her. This fact Dowle compared with the case of Mrs. Cantel, wife of an overseer, who died last Friday without medical attention while Voliva and his supporters were offering prayers for her recovery. Dowle declared that he feared the woman would die because she had associated herself with the rebels. Immediately there was a storm of hisses and shouts of "Shame, shame!"

"There is death in store for more of you if this rebellion keeps on," continued Dowle. Again the people sprang from their chairs, shouting and gesticulating, until the tumult became so general that Dowle was again obliged to bring the meeting to a close.

CARL SCHURZ IS DEAD.

Passed Away at His Home in New York Surrounded By His Family.

New York.—The condition of Carl Schurz took a serious turn Sunday night. Earlier in the day it was thought Mr. Schurz had made a substantial improvement, but shortly before 10 o'clock the following bulletin was issued by the attending physicians:

"More frequently unconscious since noon. New attack of pulmonary edema, thus far moderate. Temperature, pulse and respiration rising. Condition most serious."

Carl Schurz died at 4:30. His family was at his bedside.

MRS. JEFFERSON DAVIS BETTER.

Grandson States Crisis Is Passed and No Cause For Alarm.

New York.—Mrs. Jefferson Davis, who is ill in this city and whose condition was considered grave, is better. Jefferson Hays Davis, a grandson of Mrs. Davis, gave out the following statement: "My grandmother rallied wonderfully following the arrival of the family. The physicians say that the crisis is passed and there is now no cause for alarm. The family will remain with her for two weeks. She was 80 years old last Monday."

200 FUNERALS IN NEW YORK.

Drivers and Owners Adjust Difficulty and Men Resume Work.

New York.—More than two hundred funerals were held in Greater New York Sunday, the 1,500 union funeral drivers, who struck last week, having returned to work. An amicable adjustment of the differences between the drivers and the Funeral Coach Owners' association was arrived at early Sunday, after what was practically an all-night conference between representatives of the two organizations. The drivers won their fight, securing shorter hours, a two-dollar increase in weekly wages and recognition of their union.

To Be the Guest of Honor.

Washington.—Secretary of War Taft will be the guest of honor at the annual convention dinner of the National Association of Manufacturers in New York, May 16. The sessions will last from May 15 to 17.

Celebrates Fiftieth Anniversary.

New York.—The fiftieth anniversary of the establishment of the foreign missionary society of the Methodist Episcopal church in British India, was celebrated in Carnegie hall, under the auspices of the Women's Foreign Missionary society.

Enormous Gathering at Funeral.

Tunis.—The funeral of Sidi Mohammed El Hadji Bey, of Tunis, took place before an enormous gathering of natives and Europeans and the French military and civil authorities.

STATE ITEMS OF INTEREST

"HOME COMING WEEK."

Gov. Beckham Issues a Proclamation Commanding All the Faithful.

Frankfort, Ky., May 11.—In summoning the 600,000 ex-Kentuckians, now residing in other states, to return to Louisville for "Home coming week," June 13 to 17, Gov. Beckham issued a proclamation in which he says in part: "Wherever you have wandered, into whatever lands or climes you may have gone, you are now by parental authority summoned back to the proud old state that gave birth to you or to your forefathers. A joyous welcome awaits you. As the genial sun of spring warms into life the beauties of nature so will kindly glances and friendly grasps of your old friends in Kentucky inspire in you, if possible, a greater and tenderer love for the state you once left. Now, therefore, as governor of the commonwealth of Kentucky, I, J. C. W. Beckham, do by these presents, and by the authority of the parent, which Kentucky claims over all her children, even unto the third and fourth generations, command each and every former Kentuckian, whether separated from us by imaginary state lines, or broad seas, to come back home."

FOR HOWARD'S BOY.

Col. Lum Simons Touched By Goebel Murder Prisoner's Story.

Louisville, Ky., May 11.—Although confined to his bed, a victim of the gout, Col. Lum Simons a few days ago forgot his own sufferings long enough to plant in the heart of despair the flower of hope for one lad who was without any means of support. Through his generosity Col. Simons has made it possible for Earl Howard, the 10-year-old son of James B. Howard, convicted of the murder of William Goebel, to receive the best scholastic training that can be given him. Young Howard will be sent at once to London, Ky., where he will remain for the next two years. When he is prepared to enter college Col. Simons will send him to one of the leading universities.

FINED THEM \$5.

Gooch and Grossman Didn't Respond To a Summons.

Covington, Ky., May 10.—For failure to respond to summons for jury service last week ex-Congressman D. Linn Gooch and Adam Grossman, a well-known Cincinnati business man, were fined \$5 by Judge Shaw. When they did not answer to roll call of jurors Judge Shaw ordered attachments to be issued for them and on taking up the cases the court said: "We simply must have respect for the jury laws. Mr. Gooch tells me he forgot that he had been summoned. Lost he forgot again I assess him a fine of \$5. Adam Grossman says he thought his summons read for him to come on May 17, instead of May 1. I venture to say if it had been a bill for harness there would have been no such mistake. A fine of \$5 must go for the mistake."

BY THE BARKEEP.

Paule, Who Was Forbidden the Place, Was Killed.

Somerset, Ky., May 12.—Ottie Paule, whose home is at McKinney, Ky., but who has been employed here by Casey & Co., railroad contractors, was shot and killed by Charles Brown, bartender for Spann & Co. Paule was forbidden the place, but went there and was ordered out by Brown. In the quarrel that followed Paule was shot, and died a few hours later at the Somerset sanitarium. Brown was released on \$1,000 after the shooting, but was put under guard again when Paule died. Paule is reputed to have killed a woman at Liberty, Ky., and it is claimed he was paroled from the pen, where he was sentenced for 21 years for killing a man.

American Reserve Business.

Lexington, Ky., May 12.—J. C. Rogers, receiver for the American Bond Reserve Co. and Southern Mutual Investment Co., has gone to Louisville to consult Attorney Charles H. Shields in regard to filing intervening petition with receivership appointment in St. Louis. Filing of this petition will be the next step taken by Rogers to secure contract of assets of American Reserve Bond Co., for distribution among bondholders. Rogers will file intervening petition within the next two weeks unless prevented by St. Louis courts.

Mysterious Visit.

Frankfort, Ky., May 10.—A delegation from Louisville, including Rev. E. L. Powell, Rev. Francis Beattie, Rev. Peyton Hoge, spent an hour in conference with Gov. Beckham. Their visit is a mystery.

Road Under the Hammer.

Mt. Sterling, Ky., May 11.—The property of the Morehead and West Liberty railroad, in Rowan county, will be sold in Morehead on Monday, June 11. The order of sale was asked for by mechanics, who hold a lien for construction. Upset price \$20,000.

Picked Up Live Wire.

Hopkinsville, Ky., May 10.—Henry Grove, aged 12, son of B. P. Grove, a well-known citizen, picked up a live electric wire and as a result will lose two fingers off his right hand as it may die.

REDUCTION OF BURLEY

Tobacco Acreage Recommended By President Stuart.

Mt. Sterling, Ky., May 12.—The Kentucky and Ohio Burley Tobacco association has begun making arrangements to control the crop of burley tobacco raised this year. The organization has been held intact during the winter, and Archibald Stuart, president, has sent out letters of encouragement to growers, insisting on their standing firm. He urges the curtailing of the acreage by 33 per cent. this year, and says that he believes a small crop will command an average price of 14 cents per pound. The organization of the company in the various counties of the burley district will at once be gone over and permanent officers elected. The company is now in a safe way for finances with which to handle the crop, and it is stated work will at once begin toward securing the pledge of 90 per cent. of the tobacco raised in burley territory. The raisers who entered into the contract last year realized better prices than they would have done, and the indications point to a successful realization of the hopes of the president and his associates. The company will have stronger backing against the trust this year than ever before.

RECENT ACT

Legislature on Turnpike Bonds Upheld By Court of Appeals.

Frankfort, Ky., May 12.—The case of Anna Durrett vs. Sheriff of Kenton county was affirmed by the court of appeals. The judgment upholds the validity of the act of the recent legislature which provided for the redemption of the Kenton county turnpike bonds issued under a plan that was held to be unjust by the courts. In summing up the case the opinion says: "The power of fixing the burden of taxation to meet the indebtedness arising from the construction of turnpikes in Kenton county being originally possessed by the legislature, when it was afterward ascertained that the first plan was unjust and inequitable it was within the province of the law-making power to readjust this burden upon a new and more equitable plan."

The court also affirmed the case of the trustees of the Latonia graded school vs. the Latonia board of education from Kenton county, and held that the board is entitled to immediate possession and control of all Latonia's school property.

COL. GAINES RETIRES.

No Longer Inspector General of the State Guard.

Frankfort, Ky., May 11.—It is stated at the department of the adjutant general that Col. Noel Gaines, who has for several years held the place of inspector general of the state guard, had retired from that position. Gen. Henry R. Lawrence fills the place on approval of the governor. Col. Gaines had just returned here from an inspection of the several companies of the guard in connection with an officer of the United States army.

MCLINTOCK'S SUIT

Against the Republican Committee Has Caused a Sensation.

Paris, Ky., May 12.—A sensation was created here when it became known that James D. McClinton had filed suit for \$25,000 damages against the seven members of the republican county committee who recently passed resolutions expelling him from the republican party and appointing sergeant-at-arms to keep him out of party meetings. The resolutions also censured him. They were later declared by committee as not approved by them.

WANTED INJUNCTION.

But Postponement Is Made To Enable Miners To Move.

Covington, Ky., May 10.—An application for a restraining order against striking miners and officers of the United Mine Workers of America at Stearns, Ky., was brought to the clerk of the United States court by Attorney J. N. Sharp, of Williamsburg, but was not filed because in the meantime further time was granted the striking miners to move out of the company's houses in Whitley county.

New Lexington Line.

Mt. Sterling, Ky., May 12.—The Paris-Mt. Sterling Electric Railway Co. was incorporated with a capital of \$100,000. The incorporators are: J. M. Bigstaff, H. C. McKee, Mt. Sterling; H. A. Power, H. J. Neely, R. C. Talbott, Paris; J. T. Collins and W. A. Thomson, North Middletown.

Died Returning From Funeral.

Lexington, Ky., May 12.—While returning from the funeral of Mrs. Mary McPherson, who was burned to death, Mrs. John Chambers, her lifelong friend, stopped at a neighbor's to rest, and dropped dead as she was sitting down to dinner.

Saloonists Raise Defense Fund.

Lexington, Ky., May 12.—Local saloon keepers declare nearly every one of the 114 saloons will be opened Sunday, despite Mayor Thomas A. Combs' orders contrary, and subscribed \$3,500 to test the constitutionality of the law.